

# EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON THE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DIESEL ENGINE FUELLED WITH LINSEED OIL METHYL ESTER BLENDS WITH $\text{TiO}_2$ NANOFLUID AS A COOLANT

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## ABSTRACT

*At present, prices of oil are increasing day-by-day and due to greenhouse effect, the methyl ester fuels were exploited as alternative fuels. The purpose of the present work is the conversion of raw linseed oil into corresponding methyl ester through transesterification procedure. For a diesel engine, adequate coolant is needed for enhancing the engine efficiency. Furthermore, in this study,  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Titanium Oxide) nano-fluid is used as a coolant to remove an excess amount of heat from the engine and improves engine efficiency. The purpose of the present exploration is to evaluate performance characteristics of linseed oil and methyl ester of linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant at different loads. A single cylinder, diesel engine with DC generator has been chosen for the exploration. Engine tests have been carried out to acquire comparison of brake specific fuel consumption, brake thermal efficiency, indicated thermal efficiency, mechanical efficiency and volumetric efficiency and then contrasted with diesel. Experimental evaluation showed that the methyl ester of linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nano-fluid as a coolant gives better performance compared to linseed oil blends.*

**KEYWORDS:** Diesel Engine, Transesterification,  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nano-Fluid, Linseed Oil & Performance Characteristics

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Transesterification is a widely used method, which uses methanol in presence of a catalyst like sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide in order to breakdown the particle of the oil into an ester and glycerol [1]. Biodiesel is exploited as a powerful elective fuel. It is imitative from plant oil and fats. The serious issue of exploited vegetable oil in diesel engine is its thickness. Thus it requires Transesterification process, where triglyceride responds with liquor in the event of impetus to acquire biodiesel [2]. Generally, biodiesel is bio-degradable, non-poisonous, and produces fewer emissions. Biodiesel is the best option among various sources as a result it has the capacity to diminished the emissions [3]. The innovative creation of thermal exchange fluids called nano-fluids. Generally, the thermal exchange in motor cooling device is improved by exploiting nano-fluid as a coolant [4]. As of late, many researchers were utilized nanofluids in automobiles for several applications, for example, coolant, fuel additive and refrigerant [5]. The deduction of heat transfer from the vehicle engine cooling system is done by exploiting nanofluid as a coolant [6]. The performance and emissions characteristics of a diesel engine fuelled with two biodiesels, Type 'A' and Type 'B' are basically investigated and the

utilization of fuel for biodiesel 'B' is greater than Biodiesel 'A' [7]. The thermal efficiency of the engine is decreased and the specific fuel consumption is increased with the utilization of jatropha oil [8]. Jinmao chen and Jianguang jia [9] explored that heat transfer performance of  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid is drastically increased when contrasted with base coolant without nano-particles. T. Balamurugan et al., [10] determined the performance and emission attributes of a diesel engine using the mixes of corn oil and observed that decrement in brake thermal efficiency, increment in BSFC for all blends in contrast to diesel. Savita dixit et al., [11] explored the linseed oil generation, composition and its properties. The fundamental goal of this exploration is to give a report on the linseed plant, biodiesel generation from the linseed oil. V. Dhana raju and P. Ravindra kumar [12] arranged various mixes of neem oil and linseed oil methyl esters with proportions of (B05, B10, B15, B20) were utilized to run on a CI engine and assessed emission and performance attributes of an engine and observed that the blend LSOME-B20 is taken as an optimum blend. J. Hemanandh and K. V. Narayanan [13] assessed the performance and emission attributes of an engine by utilizing hydrotreated sunflower oil mixes of HTSF25, HTSF100 at distinct load conditions and noticed that the thermal efficiency is increased by 10 and 38%, BSFC by 25 and 12.5% respectively. Sukumar puhan et al., [14] conducted an experiment on compression ignition engine exploiting methyl ester of linseed oil mixes with diesel fuels with various fuel injection pressures of 200, 220 and 240 bar and assessed the performance and emission attributes of a diesel engine and observed that at 240 bar injection pressure, thermal efficiency is like diesel and lessening in emissions of CO and HC. S. Bhanu Teja [15] in this paper, the accumulation of methanol to LSME utilizing carburettor changing throttle openings and the fuel utilization, performance and emission attributes are studied and noticed that fuel consumption and brake thermal efficiency increases with increase in percentage of methanol. P. Srinivasa rao et al., [16] evaluated the performance characteristics of a diesel engine utilizing linseed oil blends (L10, L20, L30) with diesel fuels were used to run on a diesel engine and observed that the increment in brake thermal efficiency by 7.21% in contrast to diesel. Increase in BSFC by 4.56% in contrast to diesel. Rajeev kumar et al., [17] explored that the non edible oils properties, generation of biodiesel and then contrasted with that of diesel and revealed that the biodiesel imitative from the non edible vegetable oils could be the best choice of elective fuel. Bhupendra singh chauhan et al., [18] conducted an experiment on dual engine utilizing the blends of jatropha oil and evaluated performance and emission characteristics and observed that increment in BSFC and decrement in brake thermal efficiency in contrast to diesel. K. Vijayaraj and A. P. Sathiyagnanam [19] conducted a test on kirloskar diesel engine utilizing the mixes of mango seed oil methyl ester with various extents and assessed the performance attributes of a diesel engine. From the test reports, revealed that the BTE of B25 is nearer to diesel and increment in BSFC with the accumulation of biodiesel. Ahmet Uyumaz [20] explored that indicated thermal efficiency decreases, BSFC increases with the utilization of mustard oil blends and observed that M10 is taken as an optimum blend. K. Nantha Gopal et al., [21] revealed that pongamia biodiesel has less lewdness because of the formation of deposit, and observed that the viscosity of PME20 blend is very less. Nadir yilmaz [22] evaluated the performance characteristics of a diesel engine with the consumption of alcohol and biodiesel and then contrasted with that of diesel. Experimental results showed that the alcohol concentration is decreased in biodiesel and alcohol blends has identical impacts to preheating the intake air temperature. Ankur Nalgundwar et al., [23] in this research work, various sorts of jatropha and palm oil blends were tried to run on a diesel engine with distinct loads. Experimental results demonstrated that for the lower blend D90PB5JB5 indicated 4.65% increment in brake thermal efficiency in contrast to diesel fuel and BSFC is decreased for lower blends. J. Sadhik Basha and R. B. Anand [24] revealed that the brake thermal efficiency is greater for carbon nano tubes (CNT) mixed jatropha methyl ester emulsion contrasted with that of jatropha methyl ester emulsion and jatropha methyl ester. A. Sanjit et al., [25] in this research paper, performance and emissions of palm and jatropha biodiesel mixes are explored in contrast to diesel. From test results, it is observed that increment in BSFC for all mixes when contrasted with that of diesel. Sanjid Ahmad et al., [26] conducted an experiment on diesel engine and determined

the performance characteristics of a diesel engine using mustard oil blends. From the experimental results, 10% and 20% blends demonstrated that brake power is lesser by 7.8% while BSFC is greater by 8–13% contrasted to diesel. Ozer can [27] investigated that the characteristics of performance and exhaust emissions of a diesel engine with the utilization of waste cooking oil blends (5% and 10%) at distinct loads and observed that there is an increment in brake thermal efficiency and increment in BSFC at all loads. Fangsuwannarak et al., [28] evaluated the performance and exhaust emission of an engine utilizing palm oil with TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-particle mixed fuel. It is evident that exploitation of TiO<sub>2</sub> with diesel, engine power increases and fuel consumption is lower in contrast with diesel without additive. Hanbey hazer and Ugur ozturk [29] conducted a test on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>–TiO<sub>2</sub> coated engine and the uncoated engine and assessed the performance parameters of a diesel engine utilizing corn oil methyl ester which is acquired by transesterification procedure and observed that the decrement in consumption of fuel, of all mixes utilized in coated engine contrasted with the uncoated engine.

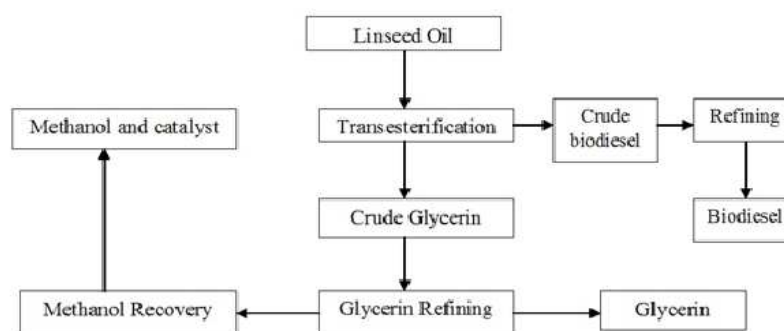
The purpose of the present work is to change over the raw linseed oil into corresponding methyl ester with the employment of transesterification process, which utilizes methanol in the sight of a catalyst, for instance, catalyst like KOH so as to split the particle of the oil into a glycerol and ester.

The main objective of the present study is to investigate the performance characteristics of linseed oil with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant and methyl ester of linseed oil with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant at different loads. A single cylinder, diesel engine with DC generator has been chosen for the present investigation. Engine tests have been carried out to acquire the comparison of brake specific fuel consumption, brake thermal efficiency, indicated thermal efficiency, mechanical efficiency and volumetric efficiency and then contrasted with diesel fuel. Experimental results showed that the methyl ester of linseed oil blends (MELSO) with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant gives better performance compared to linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant.

## 2. METHYL ESTER OF LINSEED OIL PRODUCTION

Biodiesel production is acquired with the employment of transesterification procedure. In this procedure, the sample of linseed oil be acquired in a flask and heated to 70°C. Subsequently 250ml of methanol and 10 g of KOH catalyst is blended and stirred in a different jar. Later the mixed sample is poured in the preheated linseed oil sample and constantly mixed at 70°C. Further, this mixed sample is poured in a funnel to segregate the glycerol from methyl ester. Following 24 hours the glycerol is evacuated and isolated to acquire methyl ester. After all of this, methyl ester is to be washed and desiccated to evacuate the methanol and other contaminants. Finally, it is noticed that, for 1 litre of raw linseed oil, it delivers 850 ml Methyl ester of linseed oil (MELSO).

The following steps are required to prepare biodiesel from raw linseed oil



**Figure 1: Flow Diagram of Production of Biodiesel from Linseed Oil.**



Figure 2: Transesterification Setup.



Figure 3: Oil being Heated for Removing Fatty Acids.



Figure 4: Separation of Product and By-Product Layers After Transesterification.



Figure 5: Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil (MELSO).

Table 1: Linseed Oil, Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil and Diesel Properties

Properties	Linseed Oil	Methyl ester of Linseed Oil	Diesel
Kinematic viscosity at 40 <sup>0</sup> C (centistokes)	26.3	4.2	2.7
Caloric value (KJ/kg)	39307	40759	45350
Flash point ( <sup>0</sup> C)	232	165	53
Fire point ( <sup>0</sup> C)	240	172	62
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	920	865	830
Specific gravity	0.95	0.865	0.834

### 3. EXPERIMENTAL SET UP AND PROCEDURE

#### 3.1. Experimental Setup

The cooling system arranged is external so that a tank limit of 50 L is filled with 45 L of water as a base liquid and with 10% concentration of nano-fluid with base liquid, i.e., 4.5 g of TiO<sub>2</sub> (Titanium Oxide) nano-fluid is separately mixed. With the aid of nylon rod, stirrer is coupled to the motor ensure that the stirring process is made to mix the TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-fluid in the base liquid. In order to prevent agglomeration of nano-fluid in the water, stirring is accomplished for 7 hours ceaselessly. Centrifugal pump is exploited to supply the water, which is mixed with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant to the engine. The inlet of the pump is attached to the diesel engine cooling system inlet. The cooling system outlet is set into the tank; therefore the passage of cooling fluid occurs like in a closed system.

Table 2: Diesel Engine Specifications

Make	Kirloskar Make, Compression Ignition with D. C. Generator
No. of cylinders	one
Bore	80 mm
Coefficient of discharge ( $C_d$ )	0.62
Capacity	4 KW
Diameter of Orifice (d)	20 mm
Stroke	110mm
Compression ratio	16:1
Maximum Current	13 amps
Efficiency of dynamometer	80%
Armature voltage	220V

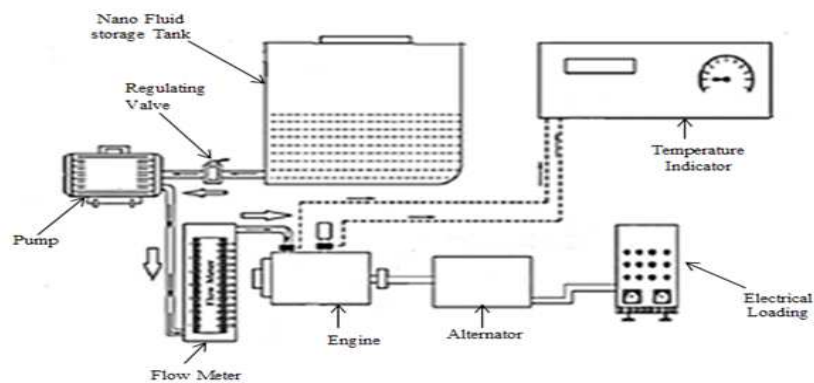


Figure 6: Layout of Experimental Setup.



Figure 7: Experimental Setup.

### 3.2. Experimental Procedure

A single cylinder, kirloskar compression ignition engine with DC generator has been chosen for present exploration. The layout of the experimental setup is demonstrated in figure 6. The Experimental setup is shown in figure 7.

The procedure of the experiment is discussed as below.

- Initially, the oil tank has been filled with raw linseed oil blend and then we start the engine using the valve and make sure that no-load on the engine and provide water which is mixed with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant to the engine.



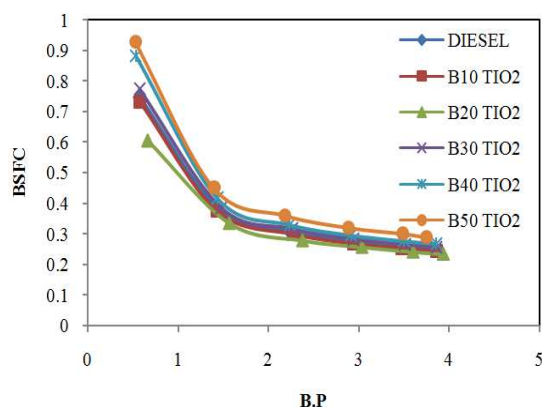
- Allow the engine for quite a while until it achieves an enduring position at no-load condition. At no-load condition, the readings of ammeter and voltmeter, manometer readings and time taken for consumption of fuel are tabulated.
- After that, the motor is loaded with the copper plate in liquid rheostat.
- After applying the load on the engine at a stable position and note down the respective readings.
- At last, the motor is to be halted by pulling the decompression switch toward the motor cranking side.
- Different blends of linseed oil with diesel such as B10, B20, B30, B40 and B50 with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant and evaluated performance characteristics of a diesel engine such as brake specific fuel consumption, brake thermal efficiency, indicated thermal efficiency, mechanical efficiency and volumetric efficiency.
- The same procedure is repeated for methyl ester of linseed oil (MELSO) blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant to the engine.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

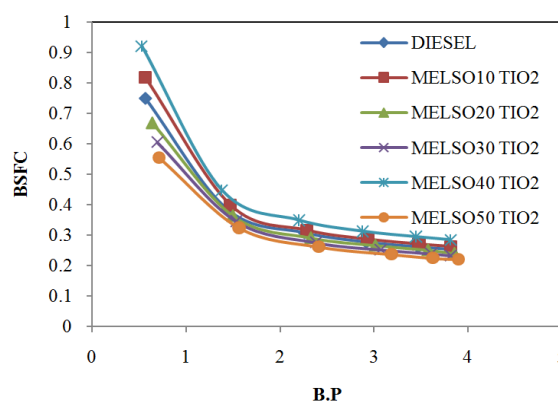
### 4.1. Brake Specific Fuel Consumption

From figure 8, it is evident that BSFC of the blend B20 with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant is lower contrasted with diesel. Therefore, the decrement in BSFC is due to high viscosity and less amount of heat generation. The plots of brake specific fuel consumption for linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant are demonstrated in figure 8.

From figure 9, the BSFC of the blend MELSO50 with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant is lesser contrasted with that of diesel. This is due to the increment in percentage of the fuel which is necessary to run the engine is lower than the increment in the percentage of brake power as comparatively a smaller amount of heat losses at higher loads. Graphs are demonstrated in the figure 9.



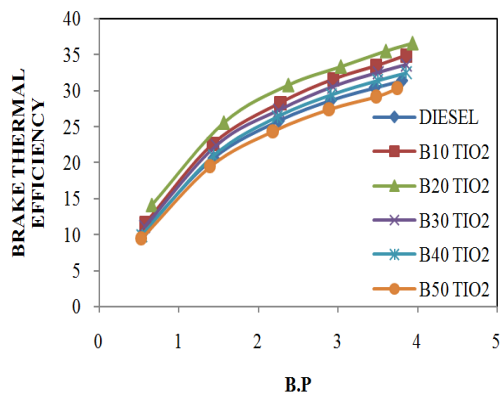
**Figure 8: BSFC Vs Brake Power for Linseed Oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**



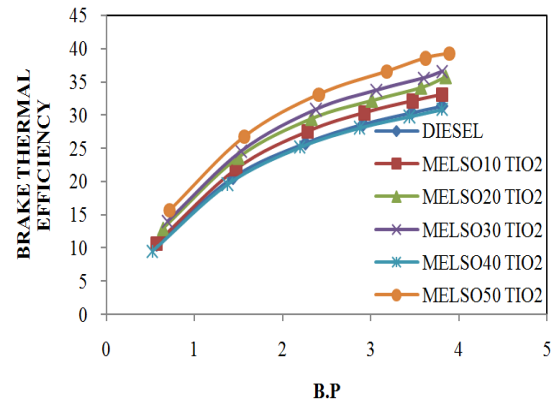
**Figure 9: BSFC Vs Brake Power for Methyl Ester of Linseed oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**

### 4.2. Brake Thermal Efficiency

From figure 10, the highest brake thermal efficiency is obtained at 20% blend using  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant (36.61%) which is greater than the diesel (31.39%). This is because of increase in load, decreases thermal dissipation and also proper consuming of fuel. The plots of brake thermal efficiency for linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant are demonstrated in figure 10.



**Figure 10: Brake Thermal Efficiency Vs Brake Power for Linseed Oil Blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanofluid as a Coolant.**



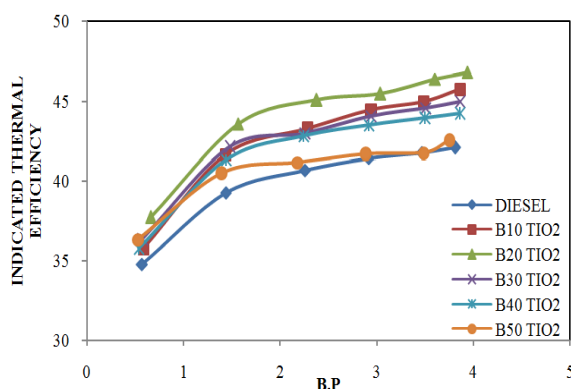
**Figure 11: Brake Thermal Efficiency Vs Brake Power for Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil Blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanofluid as a Coolant.**

From figure 11, the highest brake thermal efficiency for the blend MELSO50 with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant (39.32%) which is greater than the diesel (31.39%) is noticed. This is because of increase in load, increases engine power. Rapid flaming is also one of the reasons for improving efficiency. Graphs are demonstrated in the figure 11.

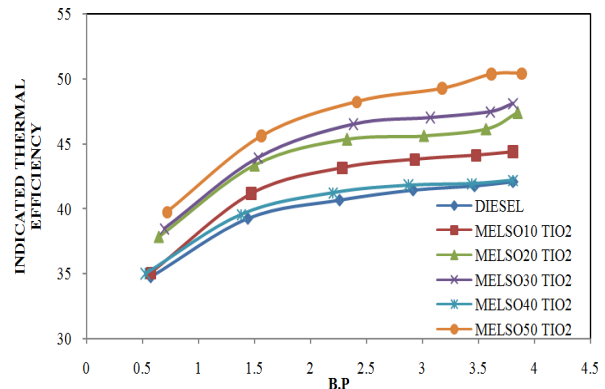
#### 4.3. Indicated Thermal Efficiency

From figure 12, it is noticed that the indicated thermal efficiency is greater than diesel for the blends of linseed oil. The indicated thermal efficiency in blend B20 with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant, increased by 4.75% in contrast with diesel at full load condition. This increment in indicated thermal efficiency was possibly a result of better ignition of fuel in contact with oxygen in the blend.

The plots of indicated thermal efficiency for methyl ester of linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is demonstrated in figure 13, it is observed that the blend MELSO50 with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant, increased by 8.35% when contrasted with diesel at full load condition. The possible reason for this might be complete combustion occurs at 50% blend.



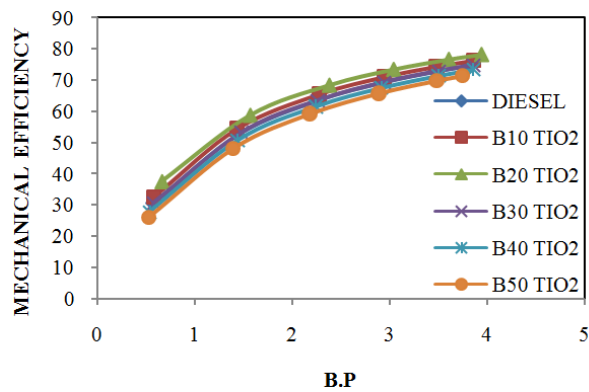
**Figure 12: Indicated Thermal Efficiency Vs Brake Power for Linseed Oil Blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanofluid as a Coolant.**



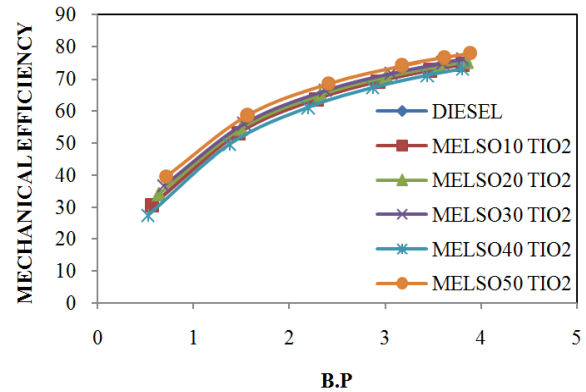
**Figure 13: Indicated thermal efficiency Vs Brake Power for Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil Blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanofluid as a Coolant.**

#### 4.4. Mechanical Efficiency

The plots of mechanical efficiency for linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is demonstrated in figure 14, it is found that 20% blend with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is higher when compared to all other blends as a result of less friction.



**Figure 14: Mechanical efficiency Vs Brake Power for Linseed Oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**



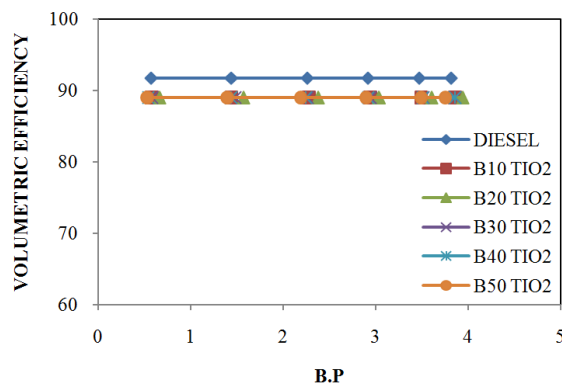
**Figure 15: Mechanical efficiency Vs Brake Power for Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**

From figure 15, it is clearly seen that the mechanical efficiency increases with an increase in load. It is evident that the blend MELSO50 with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant has higher mechanical efficiency compared to diesel. High compression ratio is also one of the reasons for increment in mechanical efficiency.

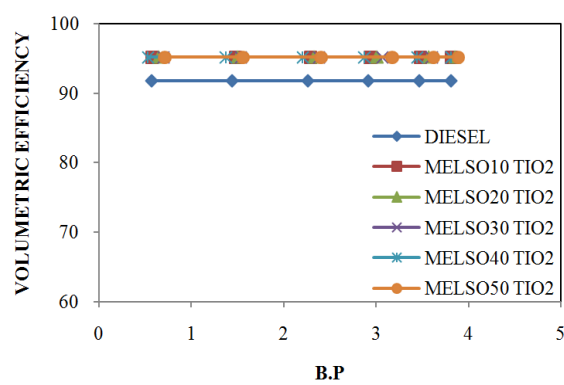
#### 4.5. Volumetric Efficiency

From figure 16, it is noticed that the decrease in volumetric efficiency is 2.75% for all linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant when contrasted with diesel. The decrement in volumetric efficiency is a result of reducing the proportions of admission air because of elevated temperature in the chamber.

Volumetric efficiency plots are demonstrated in figure 17, the volumetric efficiency for methyl ester of linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant (95.22%) is greater when contrasted with diesel (91.75%). Therefore, the increment in volumetric efficiency is 3.47% for all methyl ester of linseed oil blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant at all loads.



**Figure 16: Volumetric Efficiency Vs Brake Power for Linseed Oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**



**Figure 17: Volumetric Efficiency Vs Brake Power for Methyl Ester of Linseed Oil Blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nanofluid as a Coolant.**

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

- The methyl ester of linseed oil properties is closest to the diesel by means of transesterification process.
- The BSFC for MELSO blends with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant is lower at all engine loads. In case of MELSO50 blend with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nano-fluid as a coolant, the amount of reduction of BSFC is larger.
- The brake thermal efficiency at all blends for MELSO with  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluid as a coolant is greater than linseed oil



blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant.

- The indicated thermal efficiency at all blends for MELSO with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is greater than linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as coolant.
- The mechanical efficiency for MELSO blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is significantly higher than linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant. This is mainly due to less friction.
- The volumetric efficiency for MELSO blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant is greater than linseed oil with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant, at all fuel blends. By using the MELSO blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant, the volumetric efficiency increased by 6.2% when compared with linseed oil blends with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanofluid as a coolant.

Finally, we concluded that the utilization of MELSO (methyl ester of linseed oil) fuelled with diesel engine with TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-fluid as a coolant improves engine efficiencies and decreases fuel consumption.

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